

Coastal Zone 07

Portland, Oregon

A Case Study in Regional Ecosystem Management: The Gulf of Mexico Alliance

Tuesday, July 24

1:30 to 2:30 PM

The Gulf of Mexico Alliance is a partnership by the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, with the goal of significantly increasing regional collaboration to enhance the environmental and economic health of the Gulf of Mexico. The Alliance released the *Governors' Action Plan for Healthy and Resilient Coasts* in March 2006, challenging the new partnership to make focused, tangible progress over the next 36 months, while building the foundation for longer-term and more comprehensive collaboration. Addressing the “managing as if ecosystems matter” conference theme, this panel will case study the Alliance as a working model of regional ecosystem governance.

Bryon Griffith (moderator)

Bill Walker

State Leadership: Origins, Successes, Challenges, Future Strategies (10 min)

Phillip Hinesley

Regional Alliance Successes in Environmental Education (10 min)

Margaret Davidson

The Federal Support Role and Regional Management Lessons Learned (10 min)

Discussion (20 min)